



City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas

City Council Priorities

As of July 13, 2015

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A. RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL SAFETY FOCUS AREA:

Statement:

The City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, is dedicated to providing a safe and secure community, as well as to enhance the quality of life, for its residents and corporate citizens.

It is a priority of this council to:

- Ensure that the Bellaire public is fully aware that safety and security are the City's number one priorities.
- Ensure that the Bellaire Police and Fire Departments are provided the resources to remain fully staffed, equipped, trained and ready to respond to provide maximum protection to our citizens.
- Maintain effective community outreach and education programs in the Fire and Police Departments to ensure that citizens are informed and aware of programs and activities designed to enhance the safety of the public.
- Provide a forum for the public to provide feedback with respect to safety and security concerns.
- Examine the potential for developing new policies that will enhance the safety and security of the community.

B. PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES FOCUS AREA:

Statement:

The City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, is dedicated to ensuring that the existing public infrastructure and facilities are reviewed, evaluated, and maintained to the highest possible standard for its residents and corporate citizens and that the acquisition of new public infrastructure and facilities, if appropriate, will be considered with the best interests of Bellaire's residents and corporate citizens in mind.

It is a priority of this council to:

- Proceed directly with Rebuild Bellaire Phase 5.
- Ensure that streets, sanitary and storm sewers, and water lines are constructed and maintained using state of the art methods and materials, and that infrastructure failure is analyzed to provide information for continual process improvement.
- Develop a desired facilities layout based on input from the Ad Hoc Municipal Facilities Committee.
- Continue to evaluate opportunities to take advantage of favorable economic conditions to accelerate public infrastructure projects.

C. RESIDENTIAL AND RECREATIONAL FOCUS AREA:

Statement:

The City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, will take a proactive role in the long-term development of cultural and recreational areas and implementation of community character enhancements to ensure that Bellaire is the most desirable city in the area.

It is a priority of this council to:

- Support and implement Parks Master Plan.
- Remain sensitive to and address commercial/institutional impact on adjacent residential areas.
- Develop and implement a plan for City Beautification.
- Look for opportunities to improve the appearance of the residential areas of the City.

D. BUDGET AND FINANCE FOCUS AREA:

Statement:

The City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, is dedicated to ensuring the continued development of sound fiscal policies and effective budget oversight.

It is a priority of this council to:

- Evaluate costs vs. benefits of all City services and programs.
- Maintain competitive employee salary and benefits plan.
- Proactively protect City's favorable bond rating.
- Proactively protect City's asset value.
- Proactively pursue refunding opportunities for existing bond issuances.
- Conduct a mid-year financial review.

E. COMMERCIAL REDEVELOPMENT FOCUS AREA

Statement:

The City Council of the City of Bellaire Texas is dedicated to proactively seeking ways to enhance economic viability of the Bellaire business community in concert with the Comprehensive Plan, as approved and adopted on November 16, 2009

It is a priority of this council to:

- Draft and adopt ordinances to facilitate the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Encourage new business development; facilitate business expansion and provide a diverse basis of business opportunities for residents.
- Foster a structured dialogue with the business community.
- Remain sensitive to and address commercial/institutional impact on adjacent residential areas.
- Continue to recognize the benefits of healthy residential development.
- Look for opportunities to improve the appearance of the downtown area.